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BULGARIN-KHRUSHCHEV JUNKET:
COMPARATIVE ASSESSMENTS

- I. The Kremlin probably estimates that the personal touch of Bulgarin and Khrushchev during their 13,000 mile, 31-day junket achieved a net victory for Soviet policy toward Asia.
 - A. Soviet leaders have good reason to assess results of trip as definite step forward in softening-up non-Communist area of Asia.
 - B. They believe they have opened doors wide to closer cultural and economic ties with area.
 - C. Politically, they will now expect fence-sitting governments of Asia to give more support to Communist positions in East-West struggle (status of Communist China, Formosa, Indochina, military blocs, etc).
 - D. They now have better reason to expect eventual success in *efforts to win Asian preponderance* ~~excluding~~ Western economic and military influence *in* from South Asia.
 - E. They ~~set the stage~~ *have facilitated* for local Communist ~~parties~~ to operate in the open, both as respectable champions of Asian self-interest and as on-the-spot proponents of co-existence.
 - F. B and K feel they made numerous friends for the USSR with their cheap and popular allusions to Goa, Kashmir and Pushtoonistan.
- II. On our scoreboard also, Soviets chalked up a win in this round.

- A. All the Asian countries visited, some others as well, are now convinced they can do business with USSR. *Moscow has*
- B. Soviets have gained formal ^{agreement with} entree to trade and technical assistance fields in Burma and Afghanistan, and have whetted Indian appetite for same. *and has paved the way for an extension of contacts in these fields.*
- C. B and K succeeded in strengthening inclinations of Asian leaders favoring neutralism as a safe and sure policy.
1. Even in Pakistan, which was kicked in teeth by B and K, *being expressed* feeling is ~~saying~~ it's better to be neutral than friend of US.

III. Score was not entirely lopsided, however.

- A. Khrushchev diatribes resulted in sober second thoughts by Indian government leaders, intelligentsia and press. Likewise in Burma.
- B. Uninhibited anti-Western performance of B and K also provided beneficial cold-water shock for those in West who have been befuddled by Soviet exploitation of "Geneva spirit."